

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

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VICTORIA, V. I.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 3d.

FIRST STEP IN REFORM.

Whatever may have been the evils under which this colony has labored during the proprietorship of the Hudson's Bay Company,—now, that its claim is supposed to have ceased, we should try to avoid making them perpetual. We fear however that greater evils will be perpetuated, except the country insists on having a new election, and a new House of Assembly, which will possess its confidence, and be able to originate and carry out measures adapted to the development of our resources, and an economical disbursement of the public revenue. No better evidence is required by the country of the unfitness of the present House, than leaving the question of the expiration of the Charter to suspense. Had they discharged their duty, we should have heard long ago, about the position in which our affairs stood, and the burdens which it was expected the country should bear. But neither the representative of the monarch nor those of the people have deigned to notice a subject of such vital importance; their object being apparently to impose a heavy debt on the country without either the sanction of law or consent of the people. Works are progressing now, and a large staff of officials have to be supported; but where is the money to come from to pay it? Either customs or taxes will have to be imposed to provide the ways and means. Standing orders of the Home Government make the colony self-supporting. As one instance of the rapid manner in which we are being involved, we bring forward the Police department of this town. It costs the country very nearly or quite \$2000 per month. To this must be added the salaries of all the other officials in the colony, what they are we cannot state exactly,—neither can the information be obtained.—Whether the authorities of the colony are ashamed to own the salaries they are to get, or designedly decline to give the information so essential to the public, till it is all cut and dried to suit their pockets, we are not prepared to say, except it favors of both. We have applied to the acting Colonial Secretary, W. A. G. Young Esq., for the information; but he politely and officially offered the names, but declined giving the salaries as it would possibly be an unpleasant subject to officials if the country commented on them. Now when neither Assembly nor Executive will do their duty by the country, it becomes the bounden duty of the people to take the matter in hand and promptly deal with the question of Legislative and departmental reform.

The present House of Assembly design voting themselves perpetual members, and keeping the present head of the land department in also; the object of which is to avoid an inquiry into the manner in which the affairs of the country have been conducted, and the land department in particular. Against this un-English mode of

keeping up the appearance of a constitutional organization, we expect the people to protest in their primitive capacity, and not allow any person, without exception, holding any office of emolument whatever, to sit as a representative, except he resigns his seat and goes before a constituency for re-election. Re-election is an English principle to secure the independence of the House, and the government the confidence of the people, and if the Assembly is allowed to legislate the head of the chief department in the country into a seat, in order to cloak its mysterious operations

we may possibly have the disagreeable duty to perform of recording revelations not calculated to raise the colony in the estimation of our neighbors. The attempt to introduce another member from Nanaimo into the House is such a flagrant outrage on free institutions, that we hope the gentleman nominated will show his good sense to resign,—and let the country see that British Americans place a higher estimate on themselves. In schedule A, of the old Reform Bill in England, such a radically rotten borough cannot be found as Nanaimo. It is expected of independent members that they will refuse to sit, if it is insisted that Mr. Barnston must take his seat.

We have before stated that in a House of fifteen members, there are reasons apparent which would make it advantageous to the country to re-elect a majority of the present members. But we cannot by any means consent to their remaining, or to deferring the time of going before a constituency to obtain a seat in the new House. What is required of the present members is simply to pass a franchise bill which is calculated to satisfy the country. Property qualification of members should be ignored entirely. It is un-English and impolitic,—and restricts too much the voice of the people. The idea that men of straw or ultras will be elected is an absurdity. We trust to the good sense of the electors who will bear the burdens of the country,—and not to make members take the loan of a qualification,—as it has been done too often in England, and her colonies when the representative qualification was in vogue. Our candid opinion is that the country will never prosper until such time as a very liberal Franchise bill is passed and a new element elected. That there is necessity for a land qualification we do not believe. A tax paying franchise is sufficient to satisfy the country,—and that alone; and by every consideration of fairness and common justice it should have it. The danger either of financial embarrassment or ultra legislation we cannot perceive. The constitution effectually places a bar against either. With an Upper House properly constituted with liberal conservative members,—with the veto of the Governor, and that of Her Majesty, we can see no good reason, why the present House should not at once pass such a bill as we have pointed out. This would reach all our substantial citizens,—and besides provide a revenue now that it is wanted,—and afford statistics upon which the new House could rely.

Now is the time for the people to speak out their sentiments. And if the House will persist in forcing on the country so odious a measure as a bogus reform, they should remonstrate in dignified and unmistakable language, not only to the Assembly but the Council and Governor. It must be insisted on that the present House must be dissolved,—if not by act, then by prerogative of the Crown.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—As an old friend of Mr. Angelo, I appeal to the public to suspend their opinion on the serious charge brought against him. It remains to be seen whether he and his family are to be offered up as a sacrifice. Those who know him, and they are many, believe him innocent of the charge; those who do not may one day be convinced.

JUSTICE.

VICTORIA, June 2, 1859.

THE ALLEGED CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS.—Mr. Angelo is still in confinement. The Committee of Inquiry is still sitting and prosecuting its labors which we hear will extend over a long period of time. We hear that some important disclosures will be made on the trial as to how things have been going on in the Custom House. Public excitement on the subject increases every day. It is not unlikely that a commission from the Imperial Government will be sent out to investigate the conduct of all the parties concerned.

THE ALLEGED CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS.

On Wednesday, Charles Autrey Angelo, late Receiver and Deputy Collector in the Victoria Custom House, whose arrest we noticed in our last issue, was brought into Court before Mr. Justice Pemberton, on an information by Mr. Waymond Hamly, charging him with having embezzled \$21.50 on Permit No. 725, received in his capacity of Receiver. Mr. Pearkes, the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Crease for the defendant.

The Crown Solicitor applied to the magistrate for a remand until Monday, in order that the result of the council of inquiry then sitting might be ascertained previous to proceeding with the case. At the present time it was impossible to arrive at the extent of the defalcations, but in the course of a few days the matter would have undergone a thorough investigation, and the necessary evidence would be forthcoming.

Mr. Crease before acceding to a postponement made an application for an order for the delivery to the prisoner of his private papers which had been taken from him. These papers would be of great service in eliciting the truth, and in doing so would establish his client's innocence of the charges brought against him.

The Crown Solicitor opposed the application, as the papers were part of the evidence in the case, and were in the possession of the Crown. He desired to afford the accused every proper facility for establishing his innocence, and the papers would be produced on the trial, but they could not be allowed to go out of the possession of the Crown.

Mr. Crease suggested that an inventory of them might be given to the defendant.

The Crown Solicitor had no objection to that.

Mr. Crease applied for bail.

The Crown Solicitor said this was a case in which it was impossible as yet, to tell the extent of his defalcations, and he questioned whether, as the alleged embezzlement was of moneys belonging to the Crown, bail ought or indeed could be taken. If the Court should decide to accept bail, he should under the circumstances name \$25,000 as the amount.

Mr. Crease deprecated so large a sum which it would be impossible to obtain. His client during his confinement on the previous night had experienced much annoyance by having been placed in a cell adjoining that of an insane person, and altogether the sufferings of his client were considerable. He hoped therefore the Court would place the bail at such an amount as would render it obtainable.

Mr. Pemberton said that the cells adjoining the Court room were of a better description, and that any undue hardship would of course be avoided. He asked the Crown Solicitor if he could estimate the amount of the alleged defalcations.

The Crown Solicitor replied that it was impossible to do so at the present time.

Mr. Crease pressed for a moderate amount of bail which would simply secure the appearance of his client.

Mr. Pemberton said he would take two sureties in £1000 each.

The Crown Solicitor said that he should insist that they possessed that property in real estate.

Mr. Pemberton then granted the postponement until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

The accused was very much affected at his unfortunate position and frequently asserted that the truth would sustain and acquit him. He intimated that he was being made a sacrifice for other parties, and that the truth would be known. He was observed to weep, and alluded to the unfortunate position of his young family. It is a most distressing case.

BARBAROUS MURDER.—On or about Wednesday night, Johnston Cochrane, one of the police was barbarously murdered on the road to Craig Flower, where the body was discovered lying, having received two shots one through the head and another in the mouth. A colored man is suspected whom the deceased was in search of, for having stolen some pigs. Yesterday he was arrested some seven miles from this town, towards Saanicht. His name is Joseph Lewis, alias Portuguese Joe, a native of the Cape de Verde Islands. He will be examined this morning.

On application of Sheriff Heaton, His Excellency, Gov. Douglas, has offered £100 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. We sincerely hope that no effort or expense will be spared in bringing the perpetrator of this awful crime to speedy justice. During the past year several murders have been committed, supposed to have been done by whitmen, but no conviction has resulted.

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